

Meeteetse's 9th Annual Ice Fishing Derby
February 11th & 12th, 2017
Rules & Regulations

- ❖ To be eligible for prizes, contestants must hold a current Wyoming Fishing License, must be registered and have paid an entry fee to the Meeteetse Visitor Center. Any unregistered fishermen will be disqualified. Any fishing before 8:00 am will be an automatic disqualification. Any fishing after 2:00 pm will result in automatic disqualification. Judging will be from 2:00 until 2:30 pm on both days. Fishing must be on the Upper Sunshine Reservoir on Saturday and the Lower Sunshine Reservoir on Sunday.
- ❖ Registration marker cannot be transferred and **MUST BE VISIBLE** at all times on the Derby participants.
- ❖ Wyoming Game & Fish regulations apply to all registrants, and all registrants must have a current fishing license. WGF personnel will be present at the Fishing Derby. **Any G&F violation will result in automatic disqualification of the entire team.** To qualify for prizes, there is a maximum of two (2) rods per person. **Only 6 fish total will be judged for both days.** Fishing holes can be no larger than ten inches (10") in diameter. **Remember the daily and possession limit on the Sunshine Reservoirs is six (6) trout.**
- ❖ The Meeteetse Ice Fishing Derby is a HARVEST CONTEST. **No culling will be allowed** and would result in immediate disqualification. Any fish caught that is not to be counted in the creel limit shall be immediately released to the water with as little injury to the fish as possible. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, in a live well, or not released immediately to the water, shall be considered to be reduced to possession of the angler and shall be killed prior to being transported from the water of origin. – Wyoming Fishing Regulations 2016-2017 pg. 4.
- ❖ Gutting or any other alteration of the fish will result in disqualification. **NO FROZEN FISH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Fish with white eyes or other signs of being frozen may be sliced open by Tournament Director to check for internal signs of freezing. **Information on the number of fish caught and kept or caught and release will be recorded so all participants must check in at the end of each day.**
- ❖ To determine winners, fish will be measured by length, using a Wyoming Game & Fish measuring board, added to the girth of the fish, for a grand total measurement on each day of fishing. Weight will be measured by Wyoming Game & Fish by their own scales if available and able to be used. Both days' catch will be added together for a Derby total for each team. All decisions by the Tournament Director are final.
- ❖ Please keep the area clean. Garbage cans will be provided. Do not dump trash through your ice holes. Pack out your trash.
- ❖ The Meeteetse Visitor Center, it's Board of Directors, Employees and Members claim no responsibility for the condition of any roads used to access this Ice Fishing Derby on Upper Sunshine Reservoir, and Lower Sunshine Reservoir, Meeteetse, Wyoming. Further, the above claim no responsibility for accidents or injuries on either thin ice areas, the Reservoirs or the surrounding area as a whole. You are on the premises at your own risk. Please limit traffic on the ice to ATVs or snowmobiles only and limit to a minimum.
- ❖ All registered fishermen and guests must sign an affidavit of Derby rules and compliance.
- ❖ Ice cleats are highly recommended due to lack of snow cover on the ice.
- ❖ Tournament pays 1st through 5th place. Calcutta pays out 1st through 5th place of Calcutta participants.
- ❖ **All entries are non-refundable unless Derby officials cancel the event for any reason.** In the event the event is cancelled, all entries will be refunded after a 15% handling charge is deducted. If you have received your Derby marker, no further check in is required. **No** late registrations will be allowed. **You must have completed your registration and received an official marker in order to have your fish judged.**